

as told by himself, is that his stay in the city was necessarily short. It is generally understood, however, that the New York committee is still nursing a feeling growing out of a question of patronage, the appointment of a postmaster, or something of the kind.

ROOSEVELT BACKERS BUSY

Activities for Forcing His Nomination Become Open.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.—Only less interesting than the unlocked controversy over the control of the sub-committee of the Republican National Committee in charge of the convention was the exploitation throughout the day of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt as the possible candidate for the Presidential nomination. The advocacy of Colonel Roosevelt, only thinly veiled yesterday, was open and prominently proclaimed to-day.

The advocates of Colonel Roosevelt's nomination apparently based their arguments in his behalf on the fact that at no time had the former President announced that he would not accept the nomination if it were tendered to him. It was recognized that he would not openly become a candidate, they said, but they were busy sounding members of the national committee and other prominent Republicans in the city as to their sentiment in regard to "forcing the nomination upon the column."

There were many who connected the open advocacy of Colonel Roosevelt's nomination with the opposition to naming a committee of arrangements dominated by administration men. It was apparent throughout the day that friends of Colonel Roosevelt were endeavoring in every way possible to postpone action by the national committee which would definitely commit anybody to any man's candidacy.

LADY COOK DENIES CONTRACT

Takes Stand in "Dick" Silver's Suit Against Her for \$30,000 Damages.

Lady Cook, who formerly was Miss Tennessee Claffin, now a high favorite in the suffrage army, was on the stand yesterday in the suit which "Dick" Silver, an author, has brought against her for \$30,000 for breach of contract under which he was to write her biography.

Lady Cook denied the statement of Silver that she had promised to give the plaintiff the details of her life to embrace in a biography. She said that her career was sufficiently well known to have the story of her life told from it and that members of her family would be each to contribute a part to her life story.

William N. Spear, a nephew of Lady Cook and her financial manager, testified that his aunt was superstitious about having her biography written. Counsel for Silver asked whether he was to be a beneficiary under the will of Lady Cook and he said that he knew that he was not.

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TAFT STRONGLY URGED

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will be substantially, if not entirely, unanimous in its support of the President.

"There has been quite a revulsion of feeling in California, of late," said Mr. Kahn, "and the President is gradually gaining in strength as he is becoming better understood."

Mr. Kahn remarked significantly that an insurgent sympathizer had confided to him only to-day that there are certain districts in California, notably the Kahn district, in which the La Follette crowd had abandoned all hope of success. This confidential admission is wholly contrary to the wholesale "claims" which are given publicity by the La Follette press bureau.

No Feeling Over Reciprocity.

Another strong voice from the West is that of Representative Charles H. Burke, of South Dakota, one of the astute political prophets of the House. Mr. Burke admits that he disagreed with the President on the Canadian reciprocity, but he says that the West appreciates the fact that the President was honest in his attitude and that no hard feelings have resulted.

"It was an honest difference of opinion," said Mr. Burke, "and even those of us who disagreed with the President on this one issue are willing to concede the remarkable accomplishments of his administration. We are willing to take off our coats and work for the renomination and re-election which Mr. Taft deserves."

To a succinct analysis of the President's administration and his just claims to recognition by the party in 1912, Representative Burke added the following reason for the renomination of the President:

"William Howard Taft is the only man in the Republican party who can carry New York next year."

Mr. Burke expects the South Dakota delegation to be for the President, and he frankly expresses the belief that the President will be renominated by an overwhelming vote in the convention.

"I take no stock," said Mr. Burke, "in these claims that the President cannot be elected again if he is renominated. His administration has been such that the American people, once they come carefully and honestly to consider that administration, cannot deny him a second term. The President has made a great record for constructive statesmanship and good legislation. His tariff policy, his trust policy, his peace policy, all are worthy of the public support, and I believe that he will receive it."

"Sentiment is gradually changing in favor of Mr. Taft. He is becoming better understood in the West, and I dare

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say that the same is true of the East. As we understand better his honesty of purpose, his fair-mindedness, his broad statesmanship and his noble qualities we are bound to admire him the more and to accord honor where honor is due.

"So much for what the President deserves and what I believe he will receive. Looking at the matter from the point of view of political expediency, I am frank to say that there are many Republicans who believe that Mr. Taft is the only man in the party who can carry New York State, so necessary to party success. That conviction will have weight when we come to select a standard bearer for 1912."

Insurgent Kansas in Line.

Kansas, that "heart of the insurgent country," which gave President Taft so cordial a welcome in September, is heartily for him now, according to Senator Curtis.

"I am for Taft and the Republicans of Kansas are for Taft," said Mr. Curtis to-day. "There are a few who are urging the nomination of La Follette, but I am speaking of the sentiment of the great mass of people. That is for the President, and it is growing stronger every day. I have travelled extensively over much of the ground that was covered by the President on his recent trip and have sounded the sentiment he left in his wake, and that is what I find. The Republican vote of the state will be for Taft. The people are in favor of his nomination and his re-election."

"In the light of what has been accomplished by the present administration in many directions and what is likely to be accomplished in the way of solving the great questions now before the country, it is the only decision that can be reached by the people, who have come to the full realization of the necessity for careful exercise of power, constructive leadership, serious statesmanship, discriminating and deliberate judgment and hard work. Taft has all of these. He has marked out a positive course of action. He has ignored mere expediency and set himself to great tasks with an honest and sincere purpose. He has worked unselfishly for the common good and has chosen his course only after careful consideration, not for the promotion of his own interests but for the promotion of the interests of the country.

There will be no disaffection in New Hampshire, according to Senator Gallinger, who said to-day:

"I am in favor of the renomination and re-election of President Taft. At the present time the country is in need of a man of his experience and attainments, and he is the logical choice of the Republican party. Of his personality one cannot speak in too high praise. He is sincere, earnest in his efforts and strong in his convictions, and he is determined in following a course he conceives to be right and of the greatest benefit to the whole people, never swerving for any less worthy consideration.

Situation a Peculiar One.

"The present situation is a peculiar one. It marks a period of transition, and every day we are getting theories, the result of unrest stirred up by agitation and fomented by artificial considerations, without practical results. Long, hard, arduous work is ahead of us, and a man of Mr. Taft's temperament, his conservatism and deliberateness, is admirably fitted for the task."

"Senator Warren, of Wyoming, is convinced that there is every reason why the Republican party should renominate Mr. Taft. He said to-day:

"The Republican party will renominate President Taft. It would be the height of folly to swap horses in the middle of a stream. Such tricks as that can be left to the Democrats. The party has started in to solve important and perplexing problems. For this work, already undertaken the President is peculiarly well fitted himself, both by reason of his long experience in government and more particularly by reason of his service on the bench. It is only logical that the work should be carried to completion by the one most familiar with it. It is one thing to advance theories and, by a process of agitation, produce discontent. It is another to work earnestly and with singleness of purpose and achieve results. Any one can foment trouble. There are few, very few, who can solve great problems and suggest constructive legislation. President Taft has shown himself capable of the latter ability.

"My state, Wyoming, is solidly for the President, and the Taft sentiment all through the West is growing by leaps and bounds. We will nominate Mr. Taft with no material opposition, and what matters more important, we will elect him by a safe majority of the electoral college."

OPEN M'KINLEY FUND

Memorial Hospital League Announces Its Plans.

The William McKinley Memorial Hospital League announced yesterday that it had formally opened for subscription the fund which it had started to raise. The time of announcement was due to the presence in this city of the Western Governors, six of whom are members of the league's honorary council of one hundred.

The league was incorporated in Albany in September, 1908, and has been quietly planning for three years the erection of a large hospital in this city. The institution is to be open to any and all physicians for the treatment of their individual cases, and it also is planned to erect and maintain open air camps for tubercular patients and sickly children.

McKinley Memorial seals will be placed on sale in various stores of this city after January. The offices of the league are in the Metropolitan Building, and contributions may be sent there. The treasurer of the fund is Colonel James R. Sullivan.

REMOVE DARROW'S NAME FROM BARBER ADMISSIONS

Franklin Said McNamara Attorney Was Behind Him, Juror and Venireman Testify.

"GAVE ME \$20,000 TO USE"

Bain, Who Accepted \$500, Declares Accused Defence Investigator So Told Him—Lockwood Makes Charges.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—The name of Clarence S. Darrow, chief of counsel for the McNamara brothers, was brought into the preliminary hearing of Bert H. Franklin, a defence investigator, charged with bribery before Justice William P. Young to-day.

Robert Bain, a sworn juror, testified that Franklin gave him \$500, promised \$3,000, and said to him: "Darrow gave me \$20,000 to use."

George N. Lockwood, the venireman whom Franklin is accused of bribing, testified that Franklin told him he would see Clarence S. Darrow and arrange how the money was to be paid. The testimony created a sensation.

Franklin, in court, denied the statements of Bain and Lockwood.

"I never mentioned Darrow's name to these men," he declared. "I owe it to Mr. Darrow to say that much. It is an absolute lie."

Previously Franklin said:

"I might be guilty, though I don't for a moment admit that, but I'm not, and I have refused to elaborate this declaration.

"Lockwood's testimony does not bring Clarence S. Darrow legally into the case," said District Attorney Fredericks. "It is hearsay, and nothing more. We will proceed with prosecutions only on evidence which will stand in court of law."

"Will you say if you have such evidence?" he was asked.

"We have not," he said, and then corrected himself.

"We have other evidence, but it is not sufficient," he added.

When apprised of the testimony Darrow said: "Whatever Franklin and Lockwood said, I know nothing at all about it. I had nothing to do with 'getting' any jurors in any way."

C. E. White testified that Franklin came to him and asked him to be a stakeholder of \$200 to be paid to Lockwood at the end of the trial. When they met Lockwood, he said, \$200 was passed, the \$300 was held back, and at that moment all three men were arrested.

White swore that Franklin came to him one day and related that the prosecution in the McNamara case was using thousands of dollars to gain a conviction, and that he, as an employee of the defence, was going to use the same tactics. White declared Franklin said:

"There is an old friend of ours on the panel. I have had long talks with him, and I have convinced him that the McNamaras were innocent; and I also have told him a few thousand dollars would come in handy."

"We have already two accepted jurors with us," said Franklin, according to White's testimony.

Lockwood followed on the stand and corroborated White's testimony. Lockwood declared he rejected Franklin's proposal, of which he informed District Attorney Fredericks, and the following Saturday, after his name had been drawn from the jury wheel, he allowed Franklin to reopen negotiations on advice of the District Attorney. The first offer, Lockwood said, was of \$2,000, the final one of \$1,000.

When the matter finally was brought up, Lockwood said, Franklin brought in Darrow's name. In a subsequent telephone conversation Lockwood said Franklin asked if he should bring the "big one" out, and was told to do so.

"When he arrived," said Lockwood, "I asked him why he did not bring the 'big one' out."

"He said, 'Did you think that was Darrow' and I said, 'Yes.'"

"No," he said, "that's Cap White."

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